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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner and the Supervisory Primary Examiner are thanked for the courtesy of providing an interview to applicant's attorney on May 16, 2005. During the interview, the references to Green and Haginoya were discussed. These documents had been previously addressed in the amendment dated July 28, 2004, as well as in the Office Action dated March 24, 2005.

During the interview, applicant's representative noted that Green and Haginoya

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are in different technical fields and address different problems. Haginoya dismisses the Green technique of "natural lithography" contending that it has drawbacks, including "its low ability to control structure size, which limits the application range of this technique" (see Haginoya, page 2934, left hand column, first paragraph, last sentence). Haginoya goes on to note that his is "a new technique for fabricating an arrayed nano-structure" (page 2934, first column, second paragraph, first sentence). In other words, the whole disclosure of Haginoya is based on the use of polystyrene beads, rather than solvent islands, such as are disclosed in Green. Moreover, Haginoya dismisses the use of solvent islands (as used in natural lithography) as inaccurate. As a result, it is not believed that the passage discussing natural lithography in Haginoya provides motivation for combining Green with Haginoya.

It was also noted during the interview that even if Haginoya and Green were combined, the combined teaching would still fail to lead the skilled person in the art to the claimed invention. More particularly, Green relates to a technique for forming pillars where resist is present. In contrast, Haginoya relates to a technique for forming wells where resist is absent. Thus, Green and Haginoya are mirror images, or opposites, of each other. There can be no motivation to combine these documents from two differing fields, absent the use of applicant's own claims to provide the motivation. Thus, the rejection uses the benefit of hindsight to make the combination.

But, even if these two references were combined, there is no teaching as to how the two techniques could be combined in order to arrive at the claimed invention. In other words, there is no explanation as to how Green and Haginoya could be combined so as to arrive at the method recited in pending claim 1.

Green contains no indication of how the method could be adapted to form wells or that forming such wells would be desirable. There is nothing in Green indicating that the skilled person in the art would (as opposed to could) even look to adapt a method of Green to produce wells, let alone consult a document, such as Haginoya, to do so. Similarly, Haginoya has nothing complementary to say about depositing a film of a soluble solid onto a hydrophilic substrate and then exposing the film to a solvent vapor so that the film reorganizes into an array of discrete hemispherical islands on the surface. Haginoya contains no teaching which would motivate the skilled person to adapt a method of Haginoya by using solvent islands instead of polystyrene beads.

This missing teaching is only supplied by the claimed invention. However, using applicant's claims against himself is not permitted.

As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance over the applied combination of Green and Haginoya, as well as the remainder of the cited art.

Therefore, dependent claims 2-9, which were also rejected over Green and Haginoya, are also believed to be in condition for allowance over the applied combination.

It is appreciated that claims 10, 14 and 16 are allowable if they were rewritten in independent form. However, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance as they currently exist, in their dependent form.

Dependent claims 11-13 and 17-20 were rejected over the three-way combination of Green and Haginoya in further view of the Kiyoku et al. 6,153,010 patent. However, Kiyoku does not supply any teaching as to how Green and Haginoya could be combined to arrive at the subject matter which is recited in claims 11-13 and 17-20. Accordingly, it is believed that these claims are also in condition for allowance over the art of record. Claim 15 is similarly believed to be in condition for allowance, although it was not explicitly addressed in the Office Action.

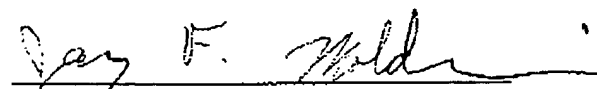
The allowance of claims 21-23 is gratefully acknowledged. It is understood that claim 24 is withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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